

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 KUWAIT 01092 220907Z

51

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ISO-00 PM-07 NSC-07 SPC-03 SS-20 RSC-01

PRS-01 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 DODE-00 DRC-01 /088 W

----- 052086

R 210633Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9091

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY MANAMA

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MUSCAT

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

S E C R E T KUWAIT 1092

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MU MARR PFOR IR SA

SUBJ: OMAN - AND THE GULF

1. IN MEETING CHARGE KILLGORE AND I HAD WITH BAHRAIN'S RULER SHAIKH ISA, PRIME MINISTER KHALIFA AND FONMIN MOHAMED MOBARAK MAR 16, SHAIKH ISA ASKED ME HOW DHOFAR WAR WAS GOING. I REPLIED MILITARY SITUATION APPEARED BE REASONABLY WELL IN HAND; IRANIANS HAD BEEN GENEROUS WITH MUCH NEEDED ASSISTANCE. HOWEVER BASIC PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN ARABIA BY NO MEANS YET ON WAY TO SOLUTION AND NOT LIKELY TO BE UNTIL ARABS INTERESTED IN STABILITY IN THIS AREA LENT A HAND ALSO.

2. SHAIKH ISA SAID IT WOULD BE WORRYING IF IRAN "GOT IN TOO DEEP" IN OMAN. ON OTHER HAND, HE OBSERVED, ONE HAD TO COUNT ON HIS FRIENDS, AND IRANIANS HAD CERTAINLY COME THROUGH FOR SULTAN QABUS. MOREOVER, IT WAS BETTER THAT IRANIANS PROVIDE ANY DIRECT MILITARY HELP NEEDED THAN ANYONE OUTSIDE PENINSULA-GULF AREA, INCLUDING US. I SAID SULTAN QABUS WAS CLEARLY VERY GRATEFUL FOR ASSISTANCE HE HAD RECEIVED AND WAS ONE TO STICK WITH PROVEN FRIENDS. HOWEVER, HE ALSO FULLY UNDERSTOOD IMPORTANCE OF ARAB ROLE IN SOLUTION OF DHOFAR PROBLEM, AND THE MORE GENERAL POLITICAL PROBLEM OF TRYING BRING RECONCILIATION BETWEEN OMAN AND

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 KUWAIT 01092 220907Z

SOUTH YEMEN.

3. PM KHALIFA SAID SAUDIS SHOULD INDEED OFFER HELPING HAND TO OMAN - ON DEVELOPMENTAL SIDE IF THEY DID NOT BELIEVE MILITARY AID WAS WISE. OMAN, HE ASSERTED, NEEDED HELP ON BOTH ECONOMIC AND MILITARY FRONTS.

4. I SAID I HAD OFTEN TOLD KUWAITIS AND OTHER ARABS IN GULF THAT THEY COULD NOT EXPECT AS CRUCIAL AN AREA AS GULF TO REMAIN IMMUNE TO THE CONCERN AND EVEN INTERFERENCE OF OTHERS IN THEIR AFFAIRS UNLESS THEY WILLING TO COOPERATE AMONG THEMSELVES IN SECURITY MATTERS TO DEMONSTRATE TO WORLD THAT SUCH ATTENTION WAS UNNECESSARY OR WAS FRUITLESS.

5. PM KHALIFA AGREED. FURTHERMORE, HE SAID, LEADER WORTHY OF HIS SALT WAS CONSTANTLY ALERT TO SITUATION, TOOK ACTION PROMPTLY AND BOLDLY, AND DID NOT OVERLY CONCERN HIMSELF WITH HIS CRITICS. SUCH A MAN, SAID KHALIFA, WAS THE SHAH.

6. NEAR END OF MEETING SHAIKH ISA SAID HE HOPED THAT US RELATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA WOULD ALWAYS REMAIN STRONG. I SAID US AND SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NEED EACH OTHER EVEN MORE IN FUTURE THAN IN PAST, AND IT WAS MY OPINION THAT US-SAUDI TIES WERE JUST ABOUT UNBREAKABLE.
STOLTZFUS

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MILITARY ASSISTANCE, INTERVENTION, WAR
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 21 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: GolinoFR
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974KUWAIT01092
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740061-0511
From: KUWAIT
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740326/aaaaaykn.tel
Line Count: 85
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: GolinoFR
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24 JUN 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <24 JUN 2002 by rowelle0>; APPROVED <03 FEB 2003 by GolinoFR>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: OMAN - AND THE GULF
TAGS: MARR, PFOR, MU, IR, SA, (SHAIKH ISA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005